

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Roderic M.K. DALE, et al.**  
Title: **METHOD FOR NUCLEIC ACID PREPARATION**  
Appl. No.: **09/223,957**  
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Examiner: **H. Owens**  
Art Unit: **1623**

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
**BOX AF**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A petition to revive the present application was granted on April 30, 2001. Therefore, an appeal brief was due on June 30, 2001. Applicants submit the following Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Examiner's comments in the Interview Summary summarizing the interview of July 28, 2000.

Applicants concurrently file herewith a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), with provision for the required fee, to extend the period for response for two months up to, and including, August 30, 2001. If additional fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the Amendment filed November 17, 1999.

**Status of the Claims**

By this response, claims 1-4 and 6-20 are pending in the application.

